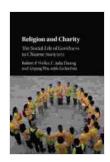
# The Social Life of Goodness in Chinese Societies

#### A Window into the Cultural Psychology of Morality

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The book then examines how Chinese people make moral judgments and decisions. The authors find that Chinese people tend to place a greater emphasis on the consequences of actions than on abstract moral principles. They also argue that Chinese people are more likely to judge the morality of actions based on their context, rather than on universal ethical standards.

The book also explores the role of emotion in moral behavior. The authors find that Chinese people experience moral emotions, such as guilt and shame, in different ways than people from Western cultures. They argue that these differences are due to cultural differences in the way that Chinese people conceptualize the self and others.

The book concludes by discussing the implications of the findings for understanding the cultural psychology of morality. The authors argue that the social and cultural dimensions of morality are essential for understanding how people make moral judgments and decisions. They also call for more research on the cultural psychology of morality in non-Western cultures.

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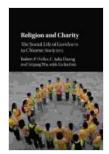
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